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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: UN RESOLUTION ON GUAM

S/S: 7624725

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM IO LEWIS THROUGH P - HABIB

REF: A) SECTO 31020; B) TOSEC 310271

1. PROBLEM:

IN REF A YOU EXPRESSED THE DESIRE THAT WE TAKE A VERY FIRM POSITION WHEN THE GUAM QUESTION COMES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIS IS EXPECTED ON DECEMBER 1. WE NEED YOUR APPROVAL FOR A STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED IN PLENARY.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE THE ATTACHED DRAFT STATEMENT. USUN CONCURS.

APPROVE: DISAPPROVE:

3. DRAFTED BY IO/UNP:DSCHIELE; APPROVED BY P:PCHABIB;

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CLEARED BY IO:SWLEWIS, S/S:

FOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT:

MR PRESIDENT,

THE UNITED STATES WILL VOTE AGAINST DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/31/1.26 ON GUAM. WHEN THE RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED IN THE FOURTH COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 25, THE UNITED STATES MADE CLEAR ITS POSITION. THE ISSUES ARE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE HOWEVER TO MERIT RESTATEMENT TODAY IN PLENARY.

GUAM IS A TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS. UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE UNITED STATES HAS THE UNQUESTIONABLE RIGHT TO DEFEND THE TERRITORY OF GUAM AND TO ESTABLISH SUCH BASES ON THAT TERRITORY AS ARE NECESSARY TO THE DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE COLLECTIVE DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES. NO GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT ANY CHALLENGE TO ITS RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF AND TO TAKE MILITARY MEASURES ON ITS OWN TERRITORY FOR PURPOSES OF THAT DEFENSE. THE UNITED STATES CATEGORICALLY REJECTS SUCH A CHALLENGE AND ACCORDINGLY FINDS IMPROPER AND UNACCEPTABLE THE LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING MILITARY BASES ON GUAM AND THAT PORTION OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH APPROVES THE CHAPTER OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 ON GUAM, WHICH ALSO EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT US MILITARY BASES ON GUAM.

THE UNITED STATES HAS PURSUED LONG STANDING POLICIES SUPPORTING SELF-DETERMINATION AND PROMOTING MAXIMUM SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE POLICIES ON GUAM, WE HAVE LONG AGO PROVIDED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE AND RECENTLY HAVE APPROVED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF A GUAM CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. ACCORDINGLY, WE DISAGREE WITH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH ASSERTS THE NEED TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARD FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION

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ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. INDEPENDENCE IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF AN ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. MOREOVER, AS I HAVE NOTED, THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY ENJOY THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. THE ELECTED LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS OVER 90 OF THE ELECTORATE IN A RECENT FREE VOTE HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY PREFER ASSOCIATION WITH

THE UNITED STATES TO INDEPENDENCE. CERTAINLY THE UNITED

STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF DICTATING TO THE
PEOPLE OF GUAM HOW THEY SHOULD DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE.
THE US BELIEVES IN GENUINE SELF-DETERMINATION ON THE
BASIS OF THE FREE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED.

FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I REGRET THAT THE ATTENTION OF
THIS ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN DIVERTED FROM ITS LEGITIMATE
RESPONSIBILITIES BY THE EFFORTS OF THOSE WHOSE SOLE
PURPOSE APPEARS TO BE TO DENIGRATE AND CRITICIZE THE
UNITED STATES. THE RESULT HAS BEEN THAT AN OTHERWISE
PROPER AND CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN MARRED AND
RENDERED INVALID. THIS ACTION, HOWEVER, WILL NEITHER
HINDER THE UNITED STATES NOR WILL IT DIMINISH ITS
DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE
ALLOWED THEIR FULL FREEDOM TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE

AND TO ENJOY SELF GOVERNMENT AS THEY THEMSELVES MAY
CHOOSE.

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